



Mr. Philip L. Cheek

October 29, 1947 - August 2, 2020

Philip L. Cheek, age 72, of Marietta, Georgia, passed away surrounded by his devoted wife, son and daughter on Sunday, August 2nd from complications due to COVID19. .

Born in Burlington, NC, and raised in Saxapahaw, NC, Philip was the eldest of three children. He graduated in 1970 from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor's of Science in mechanical engineering, then went on to work for Pratt & Whitney (aerospace technologies), Georgia Power, BellSouth, and Childress Klein Properties. While working at BellSouth in Atlanta, GA, he met and married his beloved wife Connie, and the two celebrated their 45th anniversary earlier this year.

Philip was a truly beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle. His deep love of the natural world led him to hiking, camping, trout fishing, gardening, road cycling, and most of all: mountain biking. He was known throughout the southeast for his cheerful and humorous – but also competitive – disposition in regional mountain bike races. He was a longtime and deeply-loved member of Northbrook United Methodist Church in Roswell, GA, where he contributed to many service projects and activities, and sang in the choir for many years.

He is survived by his wife Connie S. Cheek, Marietta, GA; son Jason Cheek

and daughter-in-law Taylor Cheek, Nashville, TN; daughter Courtney Krebs and son-in-law Brandon Krebs, Kennesaw, GA; stepdaughter Kirsten Salas, Cumming, GA; granddaughter Eden Krebs, granddaughter Laurel Cheek, grandson Lucas Krebs; step-granddaughter Tyler Salas; sister Rebecca Cheek and brother-in-law Walt Nelson, Newport, OR; and brother Michael Cheek and sister-in-law Kay Cheek, Coinjock, NC. He is preceded in death by his parents, Candler and Myrtila Cheek.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Philip's honor to Northbrook UMC (11225 Crabapple Rd., Roswell, GA 30075). A graveside funeral will be held at Moores Chapel Cemetery in Saxapahaw, NC, at 10:00am on Saturday August 15th

Cemetery Details

Moore's Chapel Cemetery

Saxapahaw, NC 27253

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Philip L. Cheek*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM

“ I just learned of Philip’s death, so these memories are a bit late.

Philip was my roommate at Lambda Chi Alpha during his senior year and my junior year at NC State.

We had a bit of history in common as we’d both been Eagle Scouts in the Cherokee Scout Council.

We took turns driving from the fraternity to campus and back each morning; I drove a repainted hardtop Corvair that I bought for a pittance thanks to Ralph Nader’s book “Unsafe at any Speed” and Philip drove a “classic” ragtop bug-eyed Sprite that leaked cold air in the winter and water whenever it rained.

We both enjoyed music, just different genres. Philip was into hard rock and it really bothered him when he noticed that my record collection was divided into three groups labeled Lettermen, instrumental, and other. He calculated the pressure a phonograph needle put on a record and, as a result, would not allow his records to be played more than once a day to let the vinyl recover.

Philip had one irritating characteristic, a very active metabolism. I could breathe the fumes of a doughnut and gain five pounds; he could eat a five-course meal and not gain an ounce.

I met Philip’s sister Rebecca, a very insightful young lady whom it was a pleasure to spend some time with. She introduced me to a finger fidget gadget that resembled a fist-sized land mine and was called a finger-ma-jig. After seeing hers, I had to get one. Over fifty years later, I still have mine and actually use it occasionally.

I only saw Philip twice after he graduated from NC State: in West Palm Beach FL in the spring of 1971 where he was working for Pratt & Whitney and I was visiting RCA as part of the senior job interview/plant trip routine and at his home in Atlanta in the summer of 1975 when my wife and I stopped by during our move from mid-

Missouri to Athens GA.

I'll always remember Philip as open, honest, friendly, and the perfect gentleman. It was an honor to know him. My condolences to his family on his passing.

Edward Boyd - August 01, 2022 at 05:48 PM

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“ *Immanuel Nashville Church Staff purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mr. Philip L. Cheek.*



Immanuel Nashville Church Staff - August 14, 2020 at 11:04 AM

 Skip Newman

“ *Philip and I graduated from NC State the same year, with the same degree and we both went to work with the Bell System. We eventually ended up in Corporate Real Estate after a time. Although work did not bring us together frequently, when it did we always shared a bond. He will be missed. To the family, I know this is a terrible time, but from a somewhat more remote perspective; he was active in his church and community, he had a passion for the outdoors and mountain biking, he was respected, he was liked by everyone and he was loved. Ultimately, a "life well lived" is the most any of us can ever hope for. My condolences to his wife and family.*

Skip Newman - August 10, 2020 at 10:41 PM

KA

“ I had the opportunity to work for Philip at BellSouth. I will always remember him as a warm and caring person. I am so sorry to hear of his passing and offer my prayers for his family.

Karen Ayers - August 10, 2020 at 06:11 PM

RC

“ I met Philip on May 17, 1977 - my first day at what was then Southern Bell Telephone. I was assigned a cubicle next to his. I found we were born one week apart in 1947. I liked him instantly from the first handshake. On and off the job, I was fortunate enough to know Philip for 43 years. I am stunned, saddened, and sickened to learn of his death - and I'm not alone. Never have I heard an unkind word about him. In addition to his devotion to family and passion for anything with wheels, he was kind, considerate, and guided by integrity. Sincerely, I say Philip was one of the select favorite people I have known in my lifetime.

His passing prematurely is a painful tragedy. On behalf of myself and my wife Josie, who also knew and liked Philip at Bellsouth, our heartfelt condolences to the family. God rest his soul and help Connie and family bear the loss of this wonderful man.

-Rob and Josie Chumley

Robert A. Chumley - August 09, 2020 at 01:50 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Connie, and your family. We hope that your faith will give you comfort and will help you through your grief.

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“ I will never forget cycling 100 miles through the Tennessee countryside with Philip and Jason in the summer of 2010. Jason helped me train for the event (the longest ride of my life) and Philip encouraged me throughout the ride. He was so helpful, always eager to give me a “keep on going” or “you can do it”. It was brutally hot that day but Philip was so happy to be outside, so full of youthful energy and so excited to be spending time on a bike with his son. It’s that same spirit I hope to share with my daughter as she grows older. Thank you Philip for the example you set, as a father and friend.

Will Harrison - August 07, 2020 at 01:38 PM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Mr. Philip L. Cheek.



August 07, 2020 at 10:48 AM

DM

“ Bruce and I pray for you, Connie, and your family. Philip was a dear member of our church family and our neighbor. When we would run into Philip at the grocery store or at the gym, he always had a smile on his face and a kind word. He was a southern gentleman. We will miss his presence in our Sunday school class and standing with the choir during worship. Peace and comfort.

Deborah McFarland - August 07, 2020 at 08:56 AM